

Migration Policy Development Board



Migration Policy Development Board (the 'Board' or the 'MPDB') Meeting 3
Thursday 4th April 2019, 14.00 – 16.00

Board:

Assistant Chief Minister, Connétable Christopher Taylor (CT) (Chair)
Minister for the Environment, Deputy John Young (JY)
Senator Sarah Ferguson (SF)
Dr Michael Oliver (MO)
Murray Norton (MN) – Jersey Chamber of Commerce
John Shenton (JS) – Jersey Institute of Directors

Executive Support:

Sue Duhamel – Policy Director (SD)
Neil Stocks – Policy Principal, Immigration & Migration Policy (NS)
Matthew Viney – Policy Principal (MV)

Guests:

Andrew Bannister – Business Licensing, Customer & Local Services (*for part of meeting*)
Daniel Edmunds – Statistics Jersey

Apologies:

Minister for Social Security, Deputy Judy Martin (JM)
Deputy Rowland Huelin (RH)

1. Welcome, apologies and minutes of last meeting

1.1. CT welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted from JM and RH.

1.2. Prior to adopting the minutes SF requested that paragraph seven on the second page of the previous minutes be revised to better reflect how business licence assessments are made. Appeals are possible through HAWAG and licence assessments are based on what the business will bring to the local economy i.e. officers do *not* assess the nature of the business or compare one business to another.

ACTION POINT 1: NS to revise previous minutes

2. Presentation – AB (continued)

2.1. CT invited AB to continue and conclude the presentation started at the previous meeting:
“Control of Housing & Work Law 2012 (CHWL), Housing Control and Business Licences.”

2.2. It was noted that the figures presented were based on published 2017 statistics for permanently resident individuals. Workers on the island on a temporary basis, were not included e.g. those working on a specific building or I.T. project.

2.3. It was highlighted that Slide 19 ‘Active Registered permissions and population growth’ represented a purely hypothetical position of the numbers of registered permissions that would need to have been removed to achieve the lower migration baseline that year, and the impact that would have had on the various sectors.

2.4. Discussion was open during the presentation with a number of points clarified in relation to the CHWL.

JY suggested it might be useful to review the range of conditions that could be applied to the granting of a planning permission. This could include conditions on the use of temporary workers and the provision of temporary accommodation for such workers. This area may require policy development and possibly a change in the relevant law.

2.5. The Chair thanked AB for the presentation

AB left the meeting at 15:00

3. Presentation – DE

“Estimating Government Receipts and Expenditure for Jersey Households”

To note: a presentation of a draft version of this report was first given to some of the Board members in December 2018.

3.1. DE explained that this report had been commissioned by the Chief Minister. DE noted, importantly, that the intent of the statistics was to act as a starting point for further policy analysis. The report uses data and calculations derived from existing information available for household tax liability and expenditure. The output of the report is a “snap shot”, showing the theoretical balance of receipts and expenditure for a household type at a single point in time. The report provides this information for a range of household types and household incomes.

3.2. During the discussion, a number of points were clarified including:

- The report uses blended averages and so it does not represent specific households.
- As it is based on a single point, it does not take into account changes in income or family composition over time so for example, the child of a family will grow up to contribute in their own right.

- As an analysis of households, it does not take into account government revenue derived from the employer of the adults in the household,
- The analysis was limited to earned income and did not take account of capital. JS noted the possibility to extend the scope of the analysis to include those with large capital assets.
- As an analysis of employed adults, it does not include an analysis of the self-employed sector DE confirmed that the self-employed sector was comparatively small compared to the data reviewed in the report. However, it would a natural next step to analyse this data as well.

3.3. The Board thanked DE for the detailed analysis that had been undertaken. The Board agreed that a holistic approach must be taken to the development of policy in this area.

3.4. CT noted that the report was to be released to the media through the Chief Minister next week¹. MN and JS requested advance notice of the release in order to assist them in fielding queries.

3.5. Systems in use in Singapore and Guernsey were mentioned and the Board will consider migration and population controls used elsewhere in future meetings.

3.6. DE concluded his presentation and confirmed that the full report and presentation would be circulated to the Board.

3.7 CT thanked DE for the presentation.

3.8 SF asked whether an Economic impact assessment was being carried out. DE advised that this was outside the remit of Statistic Jersey. SD will liaise with the Economic Advisor to provide a briefing to the Board.

3.9 Following summing up discussions, the Board requested sight of several published papers (links below).

ACTION POINT 2: MV to circulate the following papers to the Board:

Population Office statistics October to December 2018:

<https://www.gov.je/government/pages/statesreports.aspx?reportid=4162>

Population Projections 2016:

<https://www.gov.je/government/jerseyinfigures/population/pages/populationprojections.aspx>

Tax Statistical Digest – Tax Analysts November 2018:

<https://www.gov.je/sitecollectiondocuments/tax%20and%20your%20money/id%20tax%20statistical%20digest%202016%2020181113.pdf>

¹ Following the meeting, it was confirmed that the Report would be issued by Statistics Jersey on 23rd April 2019.

4. Housekeeping

4.1. Egress accounts on gov.je for all Board members have now been set up to allow the sharing of documents, and papers will be circulated a few days before meetings where possible.

4.2. The date of the next meeting will be Thursday 18th April 2019.

5. AOB

None noted

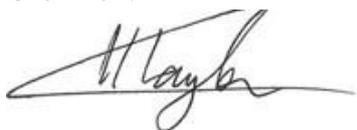
The Chair closed the meeting at 16:00.

6 Action Points

	Action required	Allocated to	Required by	Date completed
1	Revise previous minutes	NS	18/04/19	12/04/19
2	Circulate papers to the Board	MV	18/04/19	04/04/19

Minutes agreed

Chairman:



Date:

18/04/19

Agreement for publication

Chairman:



Date:

26/04/19
